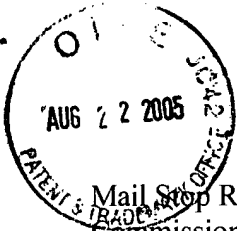


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Examiner: Russell Marc Kobert Art Unit: 2829

Invention: **"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING THE DIELECTRIC CONSTANT OF A LOW PERMITTIVITY DIELECTRIC ON A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER"**

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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